Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 12, 18, 28, 34, 45, 51, and 62; and cancel claims 11, 27, and 44, all as shown below. All pending claims are reproduced below, including those that remain unchanged.

1. (Currently Amended) An interactive tool that can configure a portal, comprising:

a first user interface operable to define and/or manage the portal;

a second user interface operable to define and/or manage entitlements for at least one portal resource; and

a content management user interface operable to define and/or manage content, wherein content is part of a virtual content repository (VCR), and wherein a VCR is a logical representation of one or more individual content repositories such that the one or more individual content repositories appear and behave as a single content repository,

wherein the portal operates to include a desktop and associated desktop resource that includes at least one of the following portal resources: a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a look and feel, and a layout;

wherein the entitlement is based on a user role, and wherein the interactive tool runs on at least one processor.

2. (Original)   The interactive tool of claim 1, further comprising:

at least one user interface operable to define and/or manage one of: a desktop, a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a theme, a menu, look and feel, and a layout.

3. (Original)   The interactive tool of claim 1 wherein:

a desktop can be defined based on a template.

4. (Original)   The interactive tool of claim 1 wherein:

a desktop is a user-specific view of a portal.

5. (Original)   The interactive tool of claim 1, further comprising:

a third user interface operable to define and/or manage a desktop; and

wherein the third user interface can render a preview of the desktop.

6. (Original)   The interactive tool of claim 1 wherein:

the portal can be depicted graphically as a hierarchy of the at least one portal resources.

7. (Cancel)

8. (Original)   The interactive tool of claim 1 wherein:

the first user interface includes a hierarchy browser.

9. (Original)   The interactive tool of claim 1 wherein:

an entitlement determines what capabilities are available to a portal visitor for the at least one resources.

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11. (Cancel)

12. (Currently Amended)   The interactive tool of claim [[11]] 1 wherein:

the third content management user interface allows a user to modify the VCR by dragging and dropping graphical objects representing VCR nodes.

13. (Original) The interactive tool of claim 1 wherein:

a portlet can dynamically present content.

14. (Original) The interactive tool of claim 1, further comprising:

a fourth user interface operable to define and/or manage personalization of the portal.

15. (Original) The interactive tool of claim 14 wherein:

the fourth user interface is operable to define and/or manage a content placeholder.

16. (Original) The interactive tool of claim 14 wherein:

the fourth user interface is operable to define and/or manage a content selector.

17. (Original) The interactive tool of claim 1, further comprising:

a fifth user interface operable to define and/or manage delegated administration.

18. (Currently Amended)   An interactive tool that can configure a portal, comprising:

a first user interface operable to define and/or manage the portal;

a second user interface operable to define and/or manage entitlements for at least one portal resource; and

a content management user interface operable to define and/or manage content, wherein content is part of a virtual content repository (VCR), and wherein a VCR is a logical representation of one or more individual content repositories such that the one or more individual content repositories appear and behave as a single content repository,

wherein the portal operates to include a desktop and associated desktop resource that includes at least one of the following portal resources: book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a look and feel, and a layout; and

wherein an entitlement determines what capabilities are available to a portal visitor for the at least one resources;

wherein the entitlement is based on user role, and wherein the interactive tool runs on at least one processor.

19. (Original) The interactive tool of claim 18, further comprising:

at least one user interface operable to define and/or manage one of: a desktop, a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a look and feel, and a layout.

20. (Original) The interactive tool of claim 18 wherein:

a desktop can be defined based on a template.

21. (Original) The interactive tool of claim 18 wherein:

    a desktop is a user-specific view of a portal.

22. (Original) The interactive tool of claim 18, further comprising:

    a third user interface operable to define and/or manage a desktop; and

    wherein the third user interface can render a preview of the desktop.

23. (Original) The interactive tool of claim 18 wherein:

    the portal can be depicted graphically as a hierarchy of the at least one portal resources.

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25. (Original) The interactive tool of claim 18 wherein:

    the first user interface includes a hierarchy browser.

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27. (Cancel)

28. (Currently Amended) The interactive tool of claim [[27]] 18 wherein:

    the ~~third~~ content management user interface allows a user to modify the VCR by dragging and dropping graphical objects representing VCR nodes.

29. (Original) The interactive tool of claim 18 wherein:

    a portlet can dynamically present content.

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33. (Original) The interactive tool of claim 18, further comprising:

a fifth user interface operable to define and/or manage delegated administration.

34. (Currently Amended) A method for configuring a portal, comprising:

providing a first user interface operable to define and/or manage the portal;

providing a second user interface operable to define and/or manage entitlements for at least one portal resource; and

providing a content management user interface operable to define and/or manage content, wherein content is part of a virtual content repository (VCR), and wherein a VCR is a logical representation of one or more individual content repositories such that the one or more individual content repositories appear and behave as a single content repository,

wherein the portal operates to include a desktop and associated desktop resource that includes at least one of the following portal resources: a desktop, a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a theme, a menu, a look and feel, and a layout;

wherein the entitlement is based on a user role.

35. (Original) The method of claim 34, further comprising:

providing at least one user interface operable to define and/or manage one of: a desktop, a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a look and feel, and a layout.

36. (Original) The method of claim 34 wherein:

a desktop can be defined based on a template.

37. (Original) The method of claim 34 wherein:

a desktop is a user-specific view of a portal.

38. (Original) The method of claim 34, further comprising:

providing a third user interface operable to define and/or manage a desktop; and

wherein the third user interface can render a preview of the desktop.

39. (Original) The method of claim 34 wherein:

the portal can be depicted graphically as a hierarchy of the at least one portal resources.

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41. (Original) The method of claim 34 wherein:

the first user interface includes a hierarchy browser.

42. (Original) The method of claim 34 wherein:

an entitlement determines what capabilities are available to a portal visitor for the at least one resources.

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44. (Cancel)

45. (Currently Amended)   The method of claim [[44]] 34 wherein:

the ~~third~~ content management user interface allows a user to modify the VCR by dragging and dropping graphical objects representing VCR nodes.

46. (Original) The method of claim 34 wherein:

a portlet can dynamically present content.

47. (Original) The method of claim 34, further comprising:

providing a fourth user interface operable to define and/or manage personalization of the portal.

48. (Original) The method of claim 47 wherein:

the fourth user interface is operable to define and/or manage a content placeholder.

49. (Original) The method of claim 47 wherein:

the fourth user interface is operable to define and/or manage a content selector.

50. (Original) The method of claim 34, further comprising:

providing a fifth user interface operable to define and/or manage delegated administration.

51. (Currently Amended)   A machine readable medium having instructions stored thereon that when executed by a processor cause a system to:

provide a first user interface operable to define and/or manage the portal;

provide a second user interface operable to define and/or manage entitlements for at least one portal resource; and

provide a content management user interface operable to define and/or manage content, wherein content is part of a virtual content repository (VCR), and wherein a VCR is a logical representation of one or more individual content repositories such that the one or more individual content repositories appear and behave as a single content repository,

wherein the portal operates to include a desktop and associated desktop resources that includes at least one of the following portal resources: a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a look and feel, and a layout;

wherein the entitlement is based on a user role.

52. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 51, further comprising instructions that when executed cause the system to:

at least one user interface operable to define and/or manage one of: a desktop, a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a look and feel, and a layout.

53. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 51 wherein:

a desktop can be defined based on a template.

54. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 51 wherein:

a desktop is a user-specific view of a portal.

55. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 51, further comprising instructions that when executed cause the system to:

provide a third user interface operable to define and/or manage a desktop; and

wherein the third user interface can render a preview of the desktop.

56. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 51 wherein:

the portal can be depicted graphically as a hierarchy of the at least one portal resources.

57. (Cancel)

58. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 51 wherein:

the first user interface includes a hierarchy browser.

59. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 51 wherein:

an entitlement determines what capabilities are available to a portal visitor for the at least one resources.

60. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 51 wherein:

an entitlement is based on a user role.

61. (Cancel)

62. (Currently Amended)   The machine readable medium of claim 51 wherein:

the ~~third~~ content management user interface allows a user to modify the VCR by dragging and dropping graphical objects representing VCR nodes.

63. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 51 wherein:

a portlet can dynamically present content.

64. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 51, further comprising instructions that when executed cause the system to:

provide a fourth user interface operable to define and/or manage personalization of the portal.

65. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 64 wherein:

the fourth user interface is operable to define and/or manage a content placeholder.

66. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 64 wherein:

the fourth user interface is operable to define and/or manage a content selector.

67. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 51, further comprising instructions that when executed cause the system to:

provide a fifth user interface operable to define and/or manage delegated administration.

68. (Cancel)